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The Lexington Dispatch says that a cow and hog was killed by a "very sudden and unexpected flash of lightning." Wonder what kind of lightning the Lexington cows and hogs are accustomed to?—Pee-Dee Advocate.

We thought the article plain enough for any one to understand, and we are surprised that it was beyond the comprehension of the wise (?) editor of the Pee-Dee Advocate. Any man, with any knowledge of the freaks of lightning, ought to know that there are times, during electric storms, when the lightning is so rapid that it almost makes the hair rise on your head, for fear that the next flash might strike "you." Again there are times when it rains for hours, perhaps, and there is not a sign of lightning nor a single roar of thunder to be heard anywhere, and, all of a sudden, there will come a flash of lightning followed almost at the same second by a clap of thunder which shakes the houses around for moments. It is known, too, that these dry freaks of lightning are the most dangerous. We recall a similar occurrence several years ago, when, seemingly, from a clear sky, a bolt of lightning struck a clothes wire, not leaving a sign of the wire, and at the same time tearing off one end of the kitchen. This was the kind of lightning we had reference to in the article mentioned. Do you understand, Brother Freeman?

What is Lexington county doing towards bettering her public highways? What effort, if any, is being made to secure for her people what most of the other counties in the State are securing—better roads? Isn't it time—high time—her people were giving this matter serious thought and consideration? The grand jury, in its presentment, called attention to the fact that the financial condition of the county was gratifying, but at the same time took occasion to remind the people that she is behind her less prosperous sister counties in the matter of good roads. Why can't we have as good roads as other counties? There is no reason under high heaven why we should not, and we appeal to the people, as a whole, to take up this important matter at once. We believe, that with the proper spirit, a large amount could be raised for road building and we venture to assert that there is not a man in the county that will not take up the fight for better roads, even if they do have to go down—deep down—into their pockets to get them.

Next Monday will be Labor Day all over the country. Columbia will observe the day, as usual, with all the pomp and splendor for which she is noted. Many of our citizens will join in the celebration and participate in the enjoyments of the day. Hon. A. F. Lever is one of the prominent speakers for the occasion.

might be well for the people to be on the watchout for bottled drinks of this kind, lest they be caught by Sheriff Corley "with the goods on." You can violate the law part of the time, but you can't violate the law all the time—without being caught.

On account of the stringency of the money question in New York, a demand has been made on southern banks for money due on notes. It is gratifying to know that in each case the demands of the New York institutions have been granted, the southern banks having ample funds to discount all outstanding notes, and in so doing have been able to make for the stockholders a good per cent. Times seem to have changed; the South no longer has to look to the money kings of New York for support, all of which goes to show the general prosperity of our Southland.

Dispensary Constable Johnson says The Dispatch did him a great injustice. He says that he captured three gallons of "booze" during the month of July when, we made it appear that he did not capture a "single gallon" and received the sum of \$87.50. He says he has been, and is still doing, his duty. We make the correction, but are of the opinion that \$87.50 was an awfully high price to pay for three gallons of liquor—blind tiger liquor, at that.

The Honorable Wm. H. Taft, it is said, is the most formidable Republican candidate for the presidency of the United States. From his utterances in his preliminary speeches one is obliged to reach the conclusion that he is courting the southern vote. At Lexington, Ky., the other day, he openly declared that the disfranchisement of the negro is constitutional. Mr. Taft has an "eye for business."

The Columbia druggists, who have been violating, so it is charged, the State law forbidding the sale of cocaine without necessary prescriptions, will be prosecuted to the fullest extent. It is refreshing to note that Columbia is no respecter of persons when it comes to violations of law. The rich and poor, high and low, are all served alike in the capital city. Good for Columbia.

We would advise our farmers to market their cotton with judgment and discretion. Do not rush the crop on the market as fast as it is gathered, for if you do, the price will decline for the time being, at least. Cotton is worth about 13½ cents on the local market today, and it should not fall below that mark during the entire season. Market your cotton properly and the price will remain where it is today.

If it costs Lexington, county \$87.50 to capture three gallons of blind tiger booze, how much will it cost to capture the tiger?

And now Columbia is going to make war on the mosquitoes. Really, we didn't know she was possessed of such pestiferous things.

Wonder how much cotton will be picked by the immigrants that have been brought to South Carolina during the past twelve months?

It will not be long before cotton will be hauled and, according to the view of Gov. Ansel, blind tigers will be plentiful in Lexington county.

The Georgia legislature went in like a lamb and came out like a ram.

### Obituary.

Mrs. Plume E. Thompson, nee Devoe, was born October 4, 1871; died August 17, 1907, making her 35 years, 10 months and 13 days old. She was married to Mr. J. M. Thompson September 7, 1890. To this union was born eight children, six boys and two girls. Her father, mother, sister, brother and three children, preceded her to the grave. She leaves a husband, sister, and five children, four boys and one girl, to mourn her loss. Sister Thompson was a faithful member of Mt. Hebron Methodist church. She was often in her place, even when she was not well. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a tender hearted friend to all. She will be greatly missed in her community and church. May God's richest blessings be with the sorrowing husband and family!

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This is to notify all persons that we will apply to Geo. S. Drafts, Judge of Probate for Lexington county, State of South Carolina, on the 12th day of September, 1907, for a final discharge as executors of the estate of W. E. P. Haltiwanger.  
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